



LETTER FOR SIGNATURE/LETTRE POUR SIGNATURE

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CONTEXT FOR THE DOCUMENT/CONTEXTE DU DOCUMENT: Letter to Provinces and Territories on the New Building Canada Fund to identify the project prioritization and approval deadline.

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FROM/DE	DATE	TELEPHONE/TÉLÉPHONE
Katie Hogan	December 8, 2017	613-941-3190

Canada

**BRIEFING NOTE TO THE MINISTER****APPROVAL OF LETTERS TO PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES ON THE
NEW BUILDING CANADA FUND**

(For Signature)

ISSUE

- Your signature is requested on the attached letters to provinces and territories (attached) to provide details regarding the prioritization and approval deadlines under the New Building Canada Fund – Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component, National and Regional Projects (PTIC-NRP) and the Small Communities Fund (SCF). A table summarizing the outstanding amounts per province and territory is provided in Annex A.

BACKGROUND

- As per Budget 2016, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Provinces and territories must identify and prioritize projects by March 31, 2018.
- Provinces and Territories were reminded of the program changes in a letter in October, 2017. This letter provides specific deadlines and the outstanding balance in each jurisdiction.

CONSIDERATION

- There is no letter for Nunavut as the funding under NBCF-PTIC has been fully allocated.
- Infrastructure Canada officials will continue to engage with provinces and territories to ensure projects are prioritized and approved before March 31, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- It is recommended that you sign the attached letters (in Annex A).

NEXT STEPS

- Once signed, the letters will be sent to provinces and territories to inform them of the prioritization and approval deadlines.

Kelly Gillis
Deputy Minister
Infrastructure and Communities

Date _____

___ I approve.

 I do not approve.

___ For discussion.

Amarjeet Sohi, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

Date _____

Attachments: Letters to Provincial and Territorial Ministers

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Annex A

Unallocated Amount by PT as of Dec. 6, 2017			
P/T	PTIC-SCF		PTIC-NRP
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AB			
SK			
MB			
ON			
QC			
NB			
NS			
PEI			
NL			
YK			
NWT			
NU			

The Honorable Larry Doke, M.L.A.
 Minister of Government Relations, Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis
 and Northern Affairs
 Government of Saskatchewan
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The Honorable David Marit, M.L.A.
 Minister Responsible for SaskBuilds
 Government of Saskatchewan
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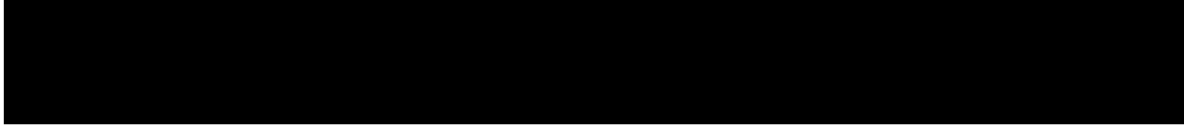
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Yours sincerely,


Amarjeet Sohi, P.C., M.P.

The Honourable Sandra Jansen, M.L.A.
Minister of Infrastructure
Government of Alberta
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The Honourable Jeff Wharton, M.L.A.
Minister of Municipal Relations
Government of Manitoba
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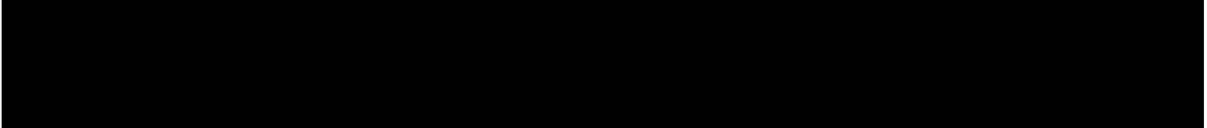
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Chers collègues,

Alors que 2017 tire à sa fin, j'aimerais profiter de l'occasion pour vous transmettre mon appréciation pour tout ce que nous avons accompli ensemble dans le cadre du plan Investir dans le Canada. Vous vous rappelez sans doute que dans le Budget 2016, le gouvernement du Canada s'était engagé à rationaliser la prestation de nos programmes d'infrastructure existants.

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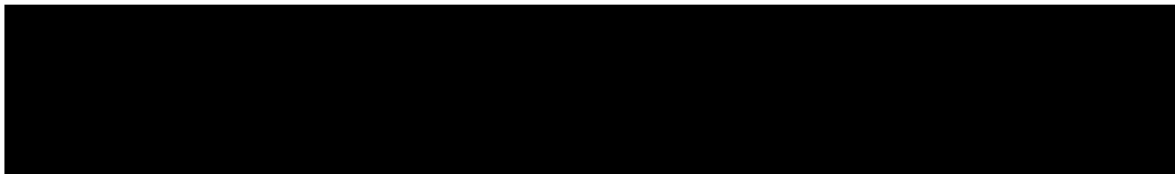
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Je tiens à vous remercier de votre collaboration continue en vue de la signature de la nouvelle entente bilatérale intégrée d'ici le 31 mars 2018.

Je vous prie d'agréer, chers collègues, l'assurance de mes meilleurs sentiments.

Amarjeet Sohi, C.P., député

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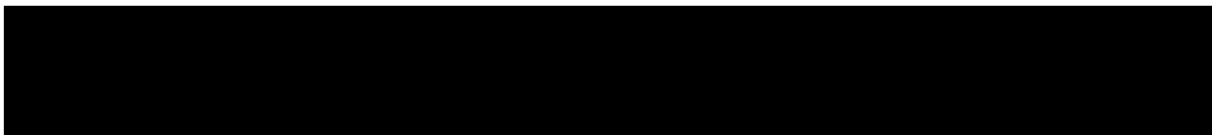
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The Honourable Eddie Joyce, M.H.A.
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The Honourable Wally Schumann, M.L.A.
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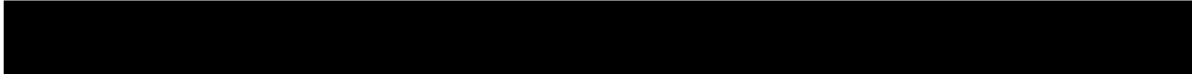
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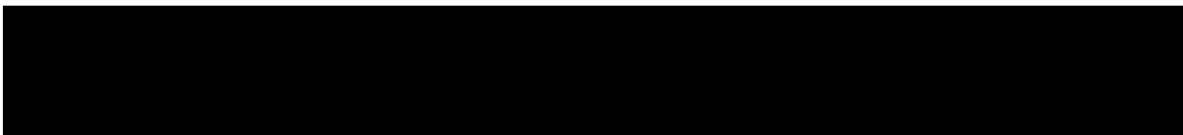
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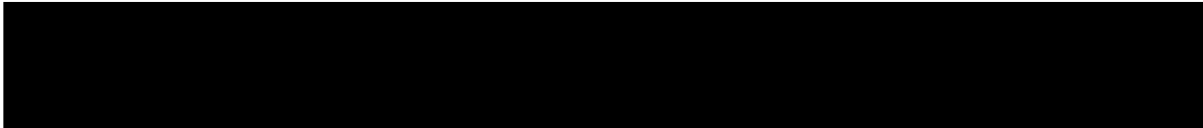
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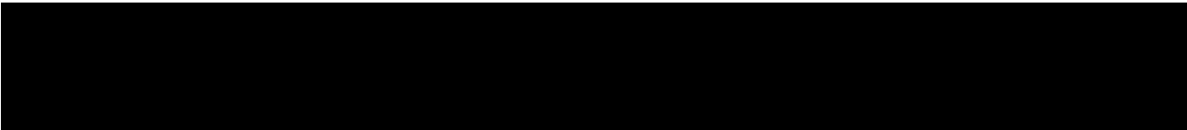
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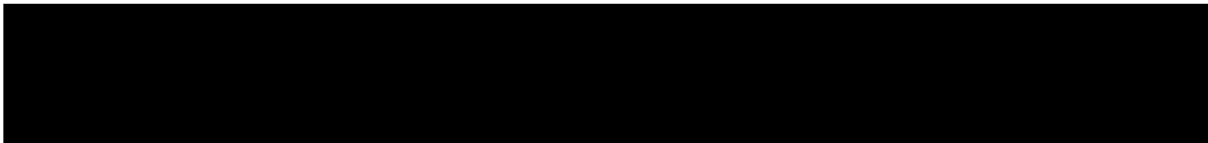
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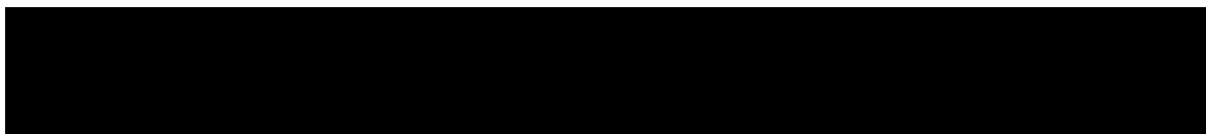
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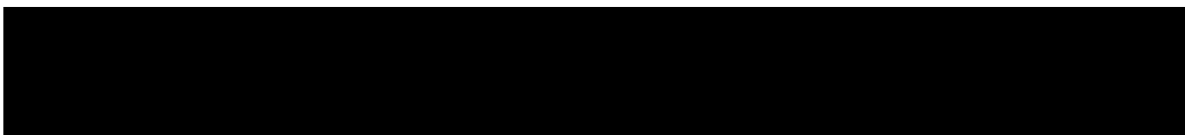
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For minister to sign them on the 13th am and to be shared with PTs on the same day

CONTEXT FOR THE DOCUMENT/CONTEXTE DU DOCUMENT: The purpose of this note is to seek Ministerial signature on correspondence to inform PTs on proposed extension to PTIF CWWF deadline to incur eligible costs.

FROM/DE
Maurice Poulin

DATE
December 12, 2017

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**BRIEFING NOTE TO THE MINISTER**

**LETTERS TO PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES TO INFORM THEM ON THE
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE PUBLIC TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
AND THE CLEAN WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND**

(For Signature)

ISSUE

- The purpose of this note is to seek your signature on the attached letters to your provincial and territorial counterparts to inform them of the extension to the deadline for funding recipients to incur eligible cost from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2020.

BACKGROUND

- [REDACTED] The intent of Phase 1 was to provide immediate, short-term investments to public transit and water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across Canada.
- Under the programs' Terms and Conditions, funding is allocated to provinces and territories identified infrastructure priorities for public transit and water and wastewater systems. Per current terms and conditions, eligible costs for approved infrastructure under PTIF and CWWF can be incurred up until March 31, 2018 in provinces and territories and until 2019 for CWWF in the territories.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Provinces and territories have been seeking an extension to the deadline for project costs to be incurred under both programs as many projects have experienced delays for a variety of reasons from weather and flooding to material and contractor availabilities and due to technical and legal delays.
- [REDACTED]
- A minor amendment to the PTIF and CWWF Terms and Conditions to extend the spending deadline to 2020 has been prepared and has been submitted to Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) officials. TBS is currently reviewing the proposed changes to provide confirmation that the amendments are minor, and that you have the authority to approve. Once TBS provides this confirmation, which is expected in the next two weeks, the amendments will be submitted for your approval under a separate docket.

- In the interim, [REDACTED] you may now send letters to your counterparts have been prepared to inform them. The letters include the requirement that the extension will be approved only once the province or territory has met all its all reporting requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that you sign the attached letters addressed (Annex A) to your provincial and territorial counterparts to inform them of the extension to the deadline for funding recipients to incur eligible cost from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2020.

 Kelly Gillis
 Deputy Minister
 Infrastructure and Communities

 Date

___ I approve. ___ I do not approve. ___ For discussion.

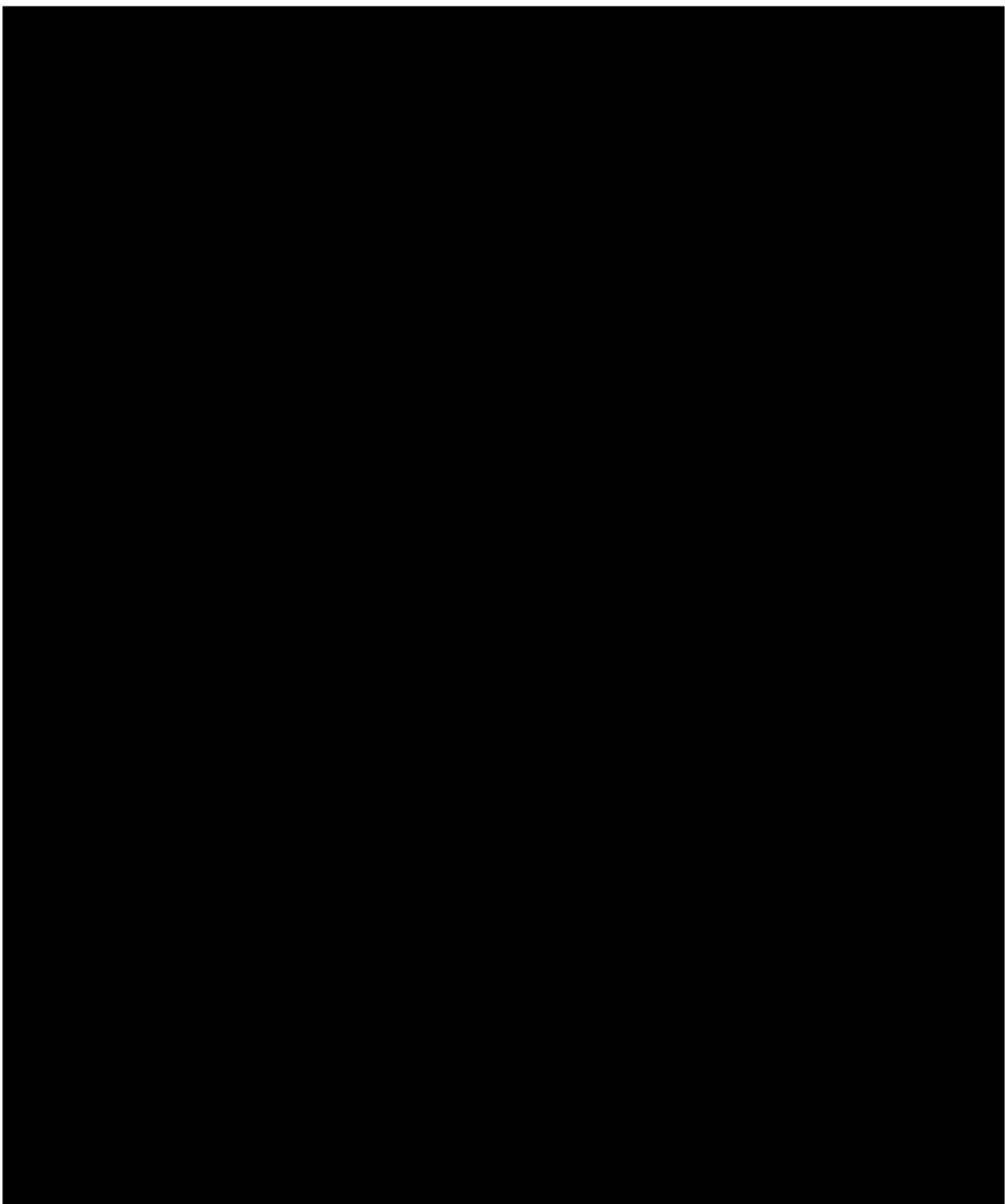
 Amarjeet Sohi, P.C., M.P.
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Attachment

Annex A – Letters to Province and Territories

ANNEX A



The Honourable Sandra Jansen, M.L.A.
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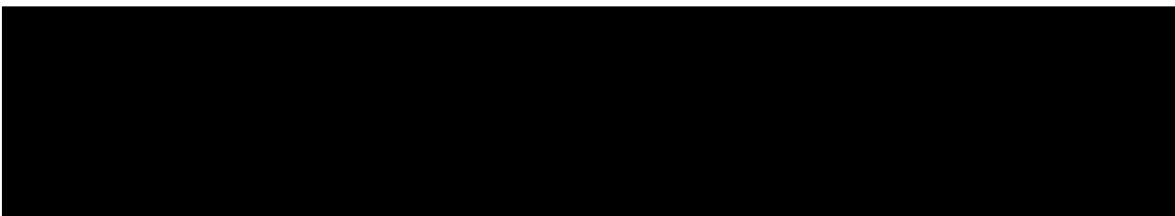
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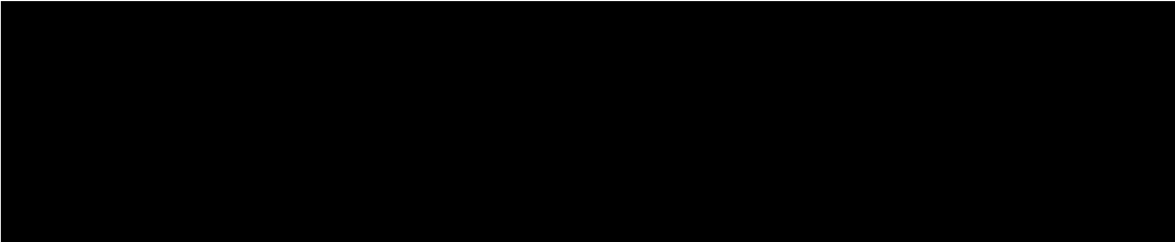
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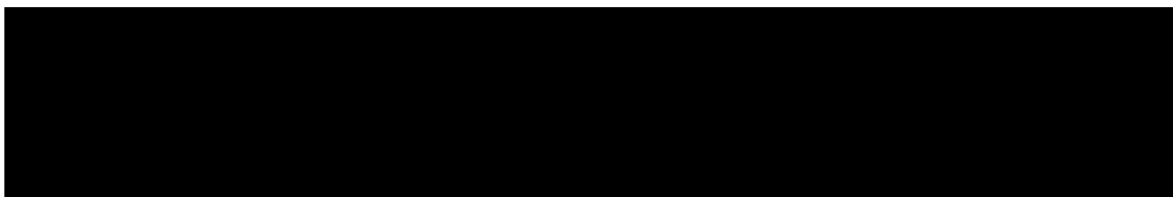
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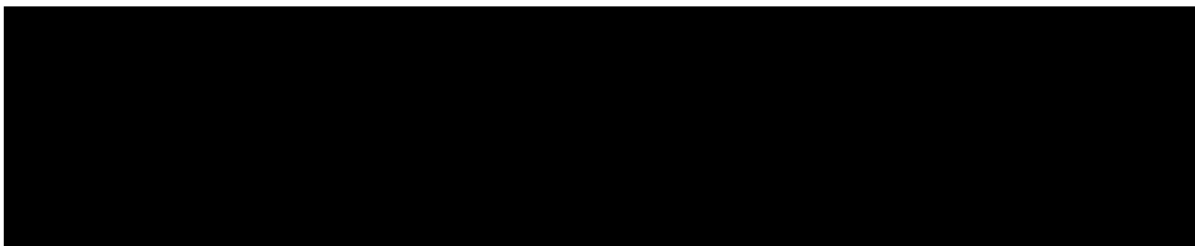
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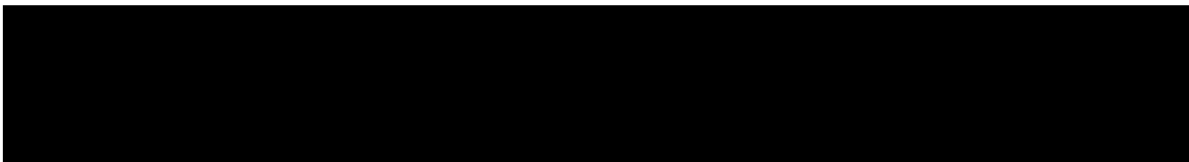
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Government of Manitoba
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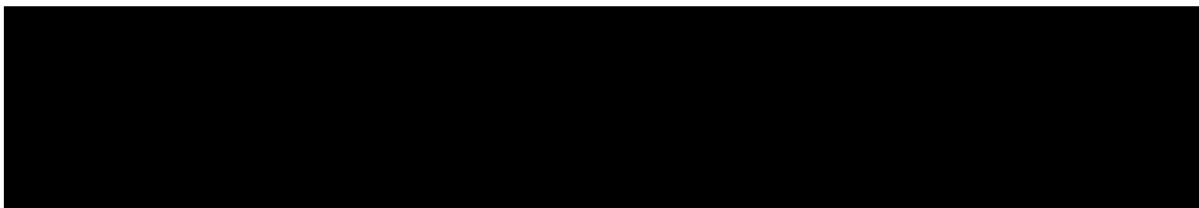
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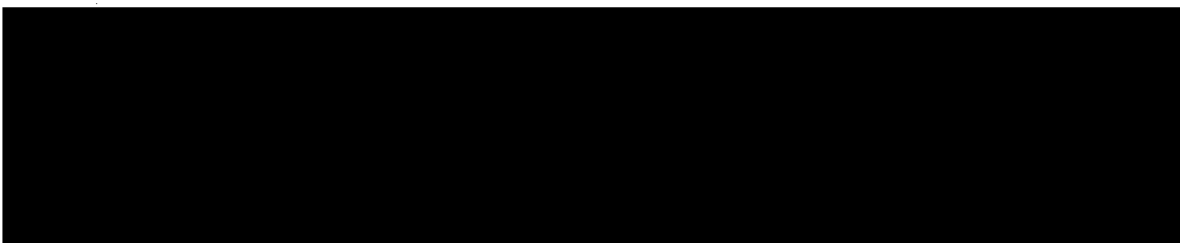
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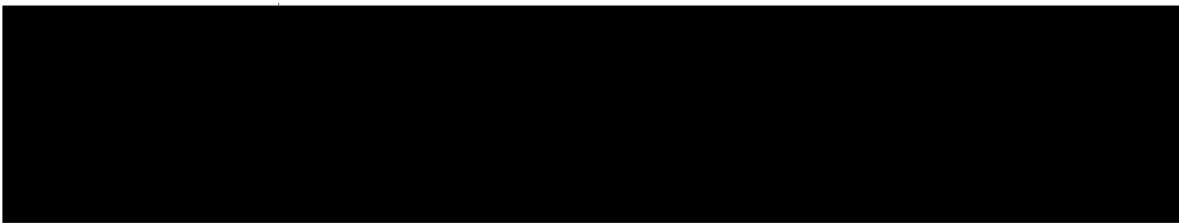
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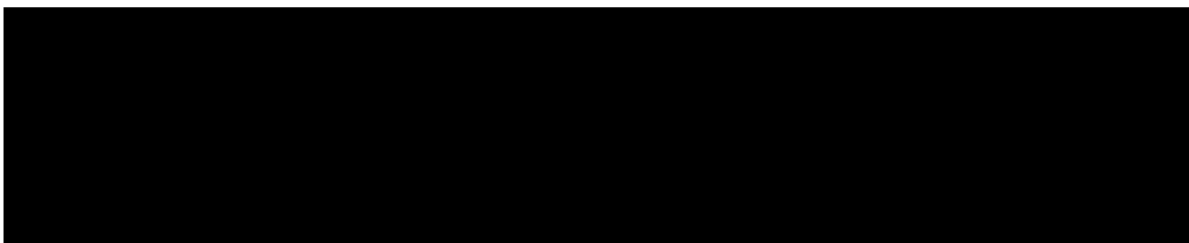
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Chers collègues :

Je vous écris pour faire le point sur le plan Investir dans le Canada.

Depuis 2015, nous avons travaillé en étroite collaboration afin de remplir nos engagements visant la mise en œuvre des programmes du Budget 2016, lesquels misaient sur l'accélération des investissements dans les infrastructures à court terme. La prochaine phase du plan de notre gouvernement vise à octroyer des investissements d'infrastructure sans précédent au cours des 11 prochaines années.


Le plan d'infrastructure à long terme Investir dans le Canada vise à appuyer trois objectifs principaux, soit la croissance économique, la durabilité environnementale et une plus grande inclusion sociale. Il a également pour objectif de faire en sorte que les fonds soient utilisés et gérés de manière responsable, de rendre régulièrement compte des résultats aux Canadiens et de mettre à profit l'expertise des bénéficiaires en ce qui a trait à l'exécution des programmes.

Notre partenariat a été et continuera d'être la clé de notre succès. Nous mettrons à profit votre expertise en tant que partenaires et bénéficiaires dans la prestation du plan.

Infrastructure Canada a récemment transmis à vos représentants un exemplaire du modèle provisoire de l'entente bilatérale intégrée. Je tiens à vous assurer que les besoins et priorités de votre province seront pris en compte dans le cadre de la négociation des ententes. Mon objectif est d'être en mesure de conclure nos négociations et de signer l'entente d'ici le 31 mars 2018.

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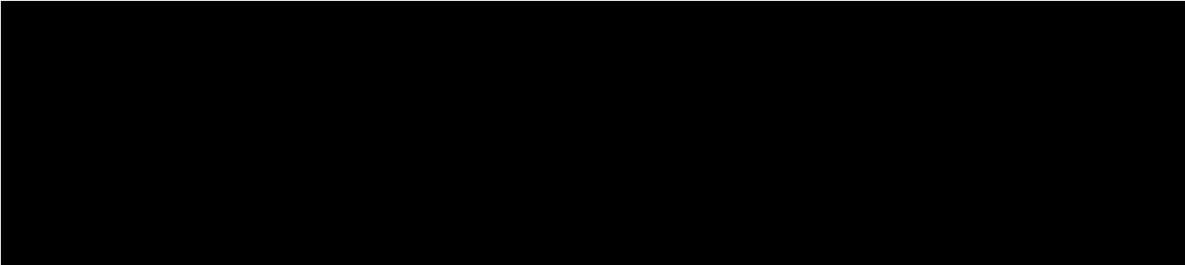
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Nous avons également discuté de l'importance de produire des rapports de qualité qui sont transmis dans les délais requis dans le cadre de ces programmes. De ce fait, cette extension ne sera disponible que pour les juridictions qui respectent nos exigences en matière de reddition de comptes telles que convenues, et cela, avant le 31 mars 2018. Ces exigences comprennent la soumission des rapports d'étapes dus présentant les dates exactes de début et de fin de chaque projet ainsi que les rapports de données de base.

Tel que discuté avec vos représentants, la date limite pour soumettre de nouveaux projets à Infrastructure Canada est le 31 janvier 2018 afin d'avoir suffisamment de temps pour évaluer et approuver les nouvelles demandes avant la fin de l'exercice financier en cours.



Je tiens à vous remercier pour votre collaboration continue. Nous faisons vraiment des investissements historiques pour bâtir un Canada meilleur et améliorer la qualité de vie des Canadiens. Je vous prie d'agréer, chers collègues, mes salutations distinguées.

Amarjeet Sohi, C.P., député

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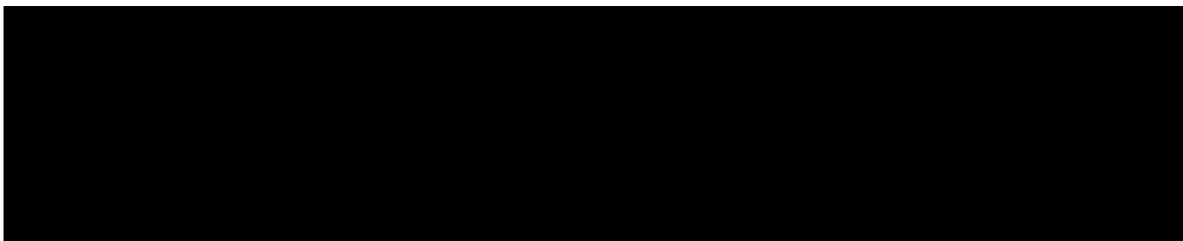
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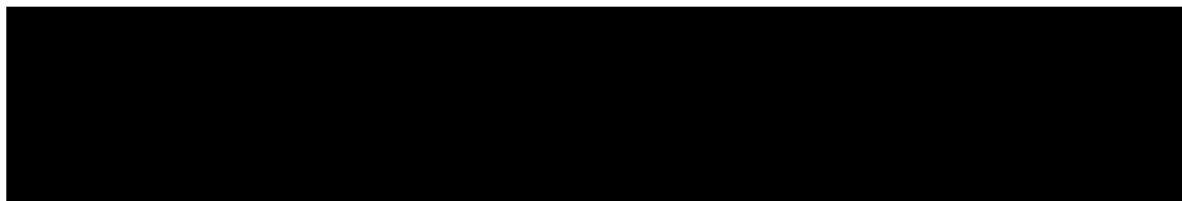
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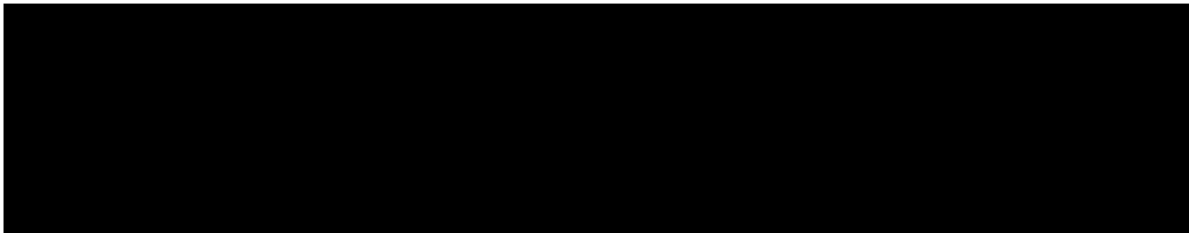
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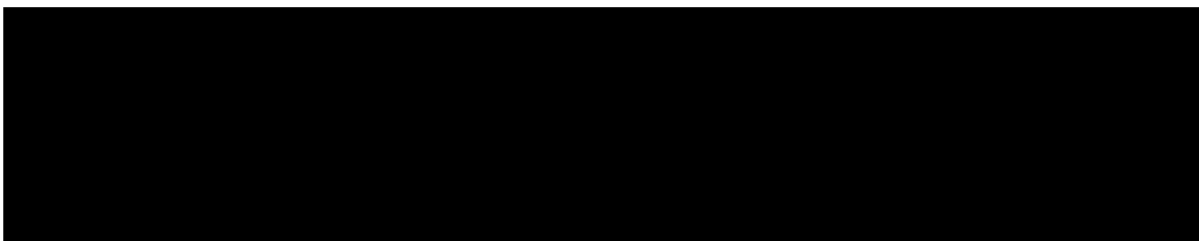
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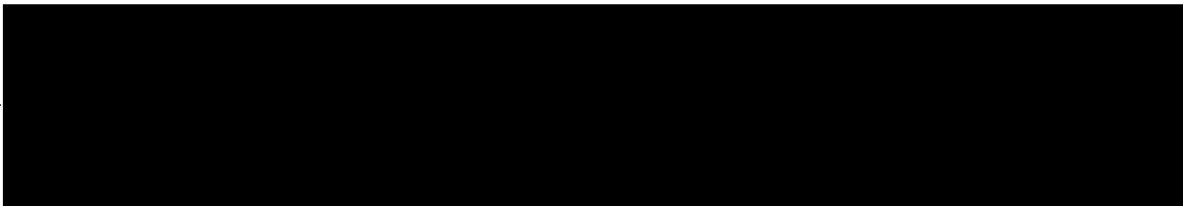
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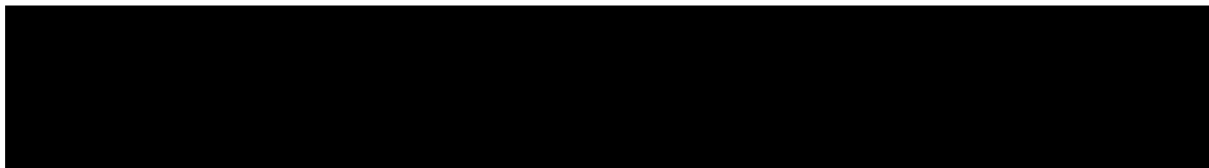
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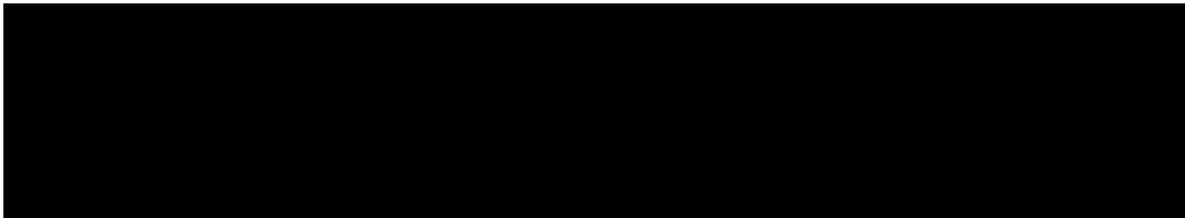
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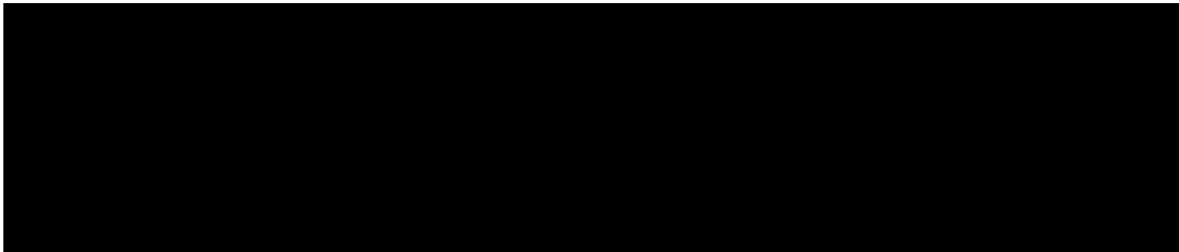
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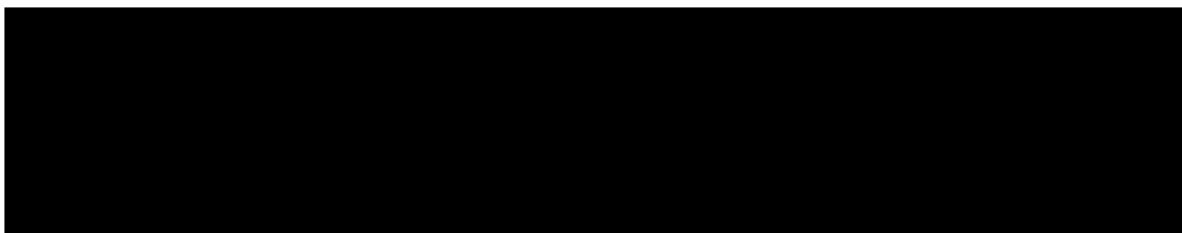
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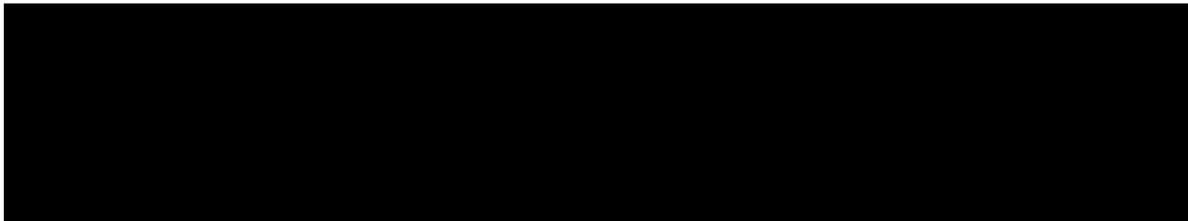
Je vous écris pour faire le point sur le plan Investir dans le Canada.

Depuis 2015, nous avons travaillé en étroite collaboration afin de remplir nos engagements visant la mise en œuvre des programmes du Budget 2016, lesquels misaient sur l'accélération des investissements dans les infrastructures à court terme. La prochaine phase du plan de notre gouvernement vise à octroyer des investissements d'infrastructure sans précédent au cours des 11 prochaines années.

Le plan d'infrastructure à long terme Investir dans le Canada vise à appuyer trois objectifs principaux, soit la croissance économique, la durabilité environnementale et une plus grande inclusion sociale. Il a également pour objectif de faire en sorte que les fonds soient utilisés et gérés de manière responsable, de rendre régulièrement compte des résultats aux Canadiens et de mettre à profit l'expertise des bénéficiaires en ce qui a trait à l'exécution des programmes.

Notre partenariat a été et continuera d'être la clé de notre succès. Nous mettrons à profit votre expertise en tant que partenaires et bénéficiaires dans la prestation du plan.

Infrastructure Canada a récemment transmis à vos représentants un exemplaire du modèle provisoire de l'entente bilatérale intégrée. Je tiens à vous assurer que les besoins et priorités de votre province seront pris en compte dans le cadre de la négociation des ententes. Mon objectif est d'être en mesure de conclure nos négociations et de signer l'entente d'ici le 31 mars 2018.



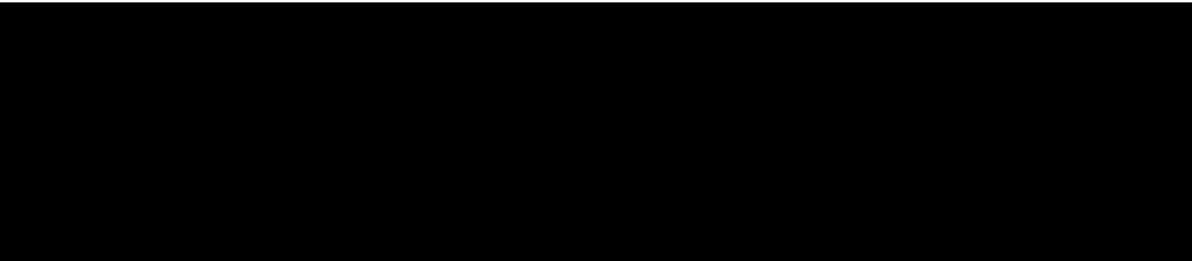
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Tel que discuté avec vos représentants, la date limite pour soumettre de nouveaux projets à Infrastructure Canada est le 31 janvier 2018 afin d'avoir suffisamment de temps pour évaluer et approuver les nouvelles demandes avant la fin de l'exercice financier en cours.



Je tiens à vous remercier pour votre collaboration continue. Nous faisons vraiment des investissements historiques pour bâtir un Canada meilleur et améliorer la qualité de vie des Canadiens. Je vous prie d'agréer, cher collègue, mes salutations distinguées.

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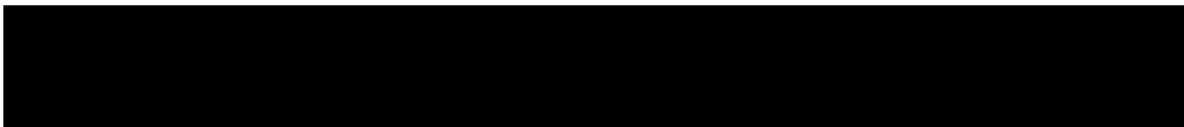
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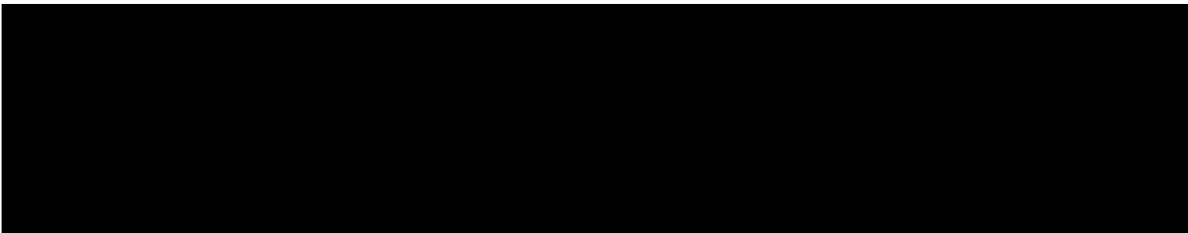
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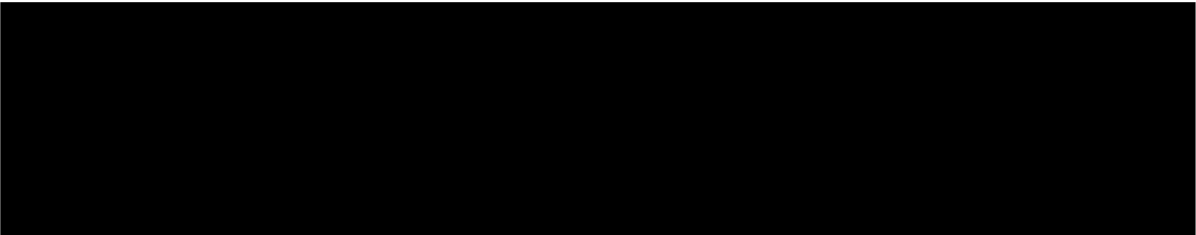
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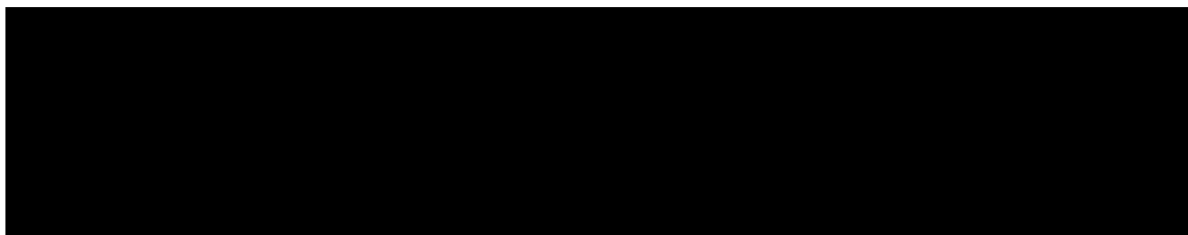
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